

Public Law 749

CHAPTER 1167

AN ACT

August 31, 1954
[H. R. 7853]

To permit retired policemen and firemen of the District of Columbia to waive all or part of their relief or retirement compensation.

D. C. policemen
and firemen.
Relief or retire-
ment pay waivers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person entitled to relief or retirement compensation pursuant to the provisions of section 12 of the Act approved September 1, 1916 (39 Stat. 718), as amended (title 4, ch. 5, D. C. Code, 1951 edition), may decline to accept all or any part of such relief or retirement compensation by a waiver signed and filed with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or their designated agent. Such waiver may be revoked in writing at any time, but no payment of the relief or retirement compensation waived shall be made covering the period during which such waiver was in effect.

Approved August 31, 1954.

Public Law 750

CHAPTER 1168

AN ACT

August 31, 1954
[H. R. 8027]

To amend the Act of March 6, 1952 (66 Stat. 16), to extend the time during which the Secretary of the Interior may enter into amendatory repayment contracts under the Federal reclamation laws, and for other purposes.

43 USC 485b
note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of March 6, 1952 (66 Stat. 16), is hereby amended by striking the year "1954" and inserting in lieu thereof the year "1957".

Approved August 31, 1954.

Public Law 751

CHAPTER 1169

AN ACT

August 31, 1954
[H. R. 8193]

To amend the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

Refugee relief.

50 USC app.
1971b.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subdivision (c) be added to section 4 of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 (67 Stat. 401), to read as follows:

"(c) Any allotments of visas provided in paragraphs (5) and (6), paragraphs (7) and (8), and paragraphs (9) and (10) of subsection (a) of this section, shall be available bilaterally within each of the three ethnic groups therein defined."

50 USC app.
1971c.

SEC. 2. Subsection (c) of section 5 of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 (67 Stat. 403) is hereby amended to read as follows:

50 USC app.
1971e.

"(c) The assurances required in this section shall be in lieu of the assurances required in section 7 of this Act, and the provisions of section 7 (d) (2) shall not apply to eligible orphans as defined in this section."

50 USC app.
1971d.
Application for
adjustment of
status.

SEC. 3. The first sentence of section 6 of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 (67 Stat. 403) is hereby amended to read as follows: "Any alien who establishes that prior to July 1, 1953, he lawfully entered the United States as a bona fide nonimmigrant and that he is unable to return to the country of his birth, or nationality, or last residence because of persecution or fear of persecution on account of race, religion, or political opinion, or who was brought to the United States

from other American republics for internment, may, not later than June 30, 1955, apply to the Attorney General of the United States for an adjustment of his immigration status."

SEC. 4. That subsection (a) of section 7 be amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "No visa shall be issued under the allotment of forty-five thousand visas heretofore made by paragraph (5) of subsection 4 (a) of this Act to refugees in Italy, or under the allotment of fifteen thousand visas heretofore made by paragraph (7) of subsection 4 (a) of this Act to refugees in Greece, or under the allotment of fifteen thousand visas heretofore made by paragraph (9) of subsection 4 (a) of this Act to refugees in the Netherlands, to an alien who qualifies under the preferences specified in paragraph (2), (3), or (4) of section 203 (a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, until satisfactory evidence is presented to the responsible consular officer to establish that the alien in question will have suitable employment and housing, without displacing any other person therefrom, after arrival in the United States. Verification of such available employment and housing shall be made in accordance with such regulations as the Administrator may, in his discretion, prescribe for the administration of the Act, including job order clearances by the United States Employment Service and its affiliated State employment services, and a certification by local housing authorities wherever they exist and are authorized and prepared to make such certifications."

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Visas.
Italy.
50 USC 1971e.

Greece.

Netherlands.

66 Stat. 178.
8 USC 1153.

Verification of
employment, etc.

Public Law 752

CHAPTER 1170

AN ACT

Authorizing construction of works to reestablish for the Palo Verde Irrigation District, California, a means of diversion of its irrigation water supply from the Colorado River, and for other purposes.

August 31, 1954
[H. R. 8498]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of reestablishing for the Palo Verde Irrigation District, a public agency of the State of California, a means of diverting its irrigation water supply from the Colorado River, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to construct a dam across the Colorado River at or near the district's present or former intake capable of diverting water into said intake at an elevation of two hundred eighty-two and three-tenths feet above mean sea level, Bureau of Reclamation datum, and works appurtenant to said dam which are required to carry out the purposes stated.

Palo Verde Irrigation District,
Calif.
Diversion dam,
etc.

SEC. 2. Prior to commencing construction of the works authorized in section 1 of this Act, the Palo Verde Irrigation District shall have entered into a contract with the United States, in form and content satisfactory to the Secretary, undertaking—

Contract.

(a) to furnish to the United States for the construction and maintenance of said dam and appurtenant works the use of all lands, easements, rights-of-way, and other interests in land required for said purposes, except those which the United States already has a full and perfect right to use or which lie within the Colorado River Indian Reservation, and to save the United States harmless from all claims arising from the use and occupancy of said lands and interests in land and the operation and maintenance of said dam and appurtenant works;